

## 5 Claims

I claim:

10 1. A leveling and marking tool for mounting items having pre-cut mounting holes to a wall, and for making indenting marks in the wall that are in spaced apart relationship to match the pre-cut mounting holes of the item to be mounted, the leveling and marking tool comprising:

15 a frame having a front surface, a back surface, a lengthwise opening, a first projected tab mounted in a fixed hole at an end of the frame on the same axis as the lengthwise opening, a second projected tab movable in an axial direction along the lengthwise opening, threadable locking means for fixing the second projected tab in selected locations along the lengthwise opening spaced longitudinally from the first projected tab at a distance corresponding to the distance between the pre-cut mounting holes, the first projected tab having a first conical point that outwardly projects from the back surface at a fixed location along the axis of the lengthwise opening, the second projected tab having a second conical point that outwardly projects from the surface at a selected location along the axis of the lengthwise opening, at least one bubble gauge mounted to the frame, and means associated with the first projected tab and the second projected tab for accurately indenting said marks in the wall.

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2. The leveling and marking tool as recited in Claim 1, wherein the conical point of the first conical point of the first projected tab and the second conical point of the second projected tab outwardly project an equal distance from the back surface of the frame and wherein the frame includes a printed reference scale with the fixed hole serving as a zero point on the printed reference scale.

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3. A leveling and marking tool for mounting an item having pre-cut mounting holes to a wall, and for making marks in the wall that are in spaced apart relationship to match the pre-cut mounting holes of the item to be mounted, the leveling and marking tool comprising:

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5 a frame having a back surface, and an axis, a first projected tab mounted in a fixed  
hole at one end of the frame on the axis, said first projected tab projecting from the back  
surface at a fixed location along the axis, a second projected tab moveable in an axial  
direction along the frame, said second projected tab projecting from the back surface at a  
selected location along the axis, locking means for fixing the second tab in selected  
10 locations along the frame spaced from the first projected tab at a distance corresponding  
to a distance between the pre-cut mounting holes, a leveling gauge on said frame and  
means associated with the first and second projected tabs for making said marks in a  
spaced and level relationship on said wall such that the mounting holes for said item can  
be installed at said marks.

15 4. The leveling and marking tool as recited in Claim 3, wherein the first and second  
projected tabs each include a conical point such that said marks are indented into the wall  
by applying pressure and wherein the frame includes a printed reference scale with the  
fixed hole serving as a zero point on the reference scale.

20 5. The leveling and marking tool as recited in Claim 3, wherein the locking means  
includes threads and passes through a longitudinal slot in the frame and wherein said fixed  
hole is a threaded hole.